

more than the period stipulated by the Rules and Regulations, will the Government be pleased to go into the matter or decide whether a re-election was necessary or not?

(d) In conformity with the Rules and Regulations, will the Government be pleased, unlike during the past year, to have the meetings of Council held as per rules within the four months of the previous meeting?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—(a) The Government consider that it is not necessary. The constituencies will be well advised in not returning representatives who are not in a position to satisfy their decree debts.

(b) The attention of the Member is invited to Rules 5 and 22 of the Electoral Rules.

(c) The Government have no information on the subject.

(d) The Member is referred to Section 9 (i) of the Council Regulation and to S. O. No. 3 (a).

**The grant of tickets to visitors to the Council,
and expenditure on account
of reporting work.**

108. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any hard and fast rule regarding the grant of tickets to the Visitors' Gallery and to the President's Gallery;

(b) whether persons of the same status used to be given tickets to different galleries without their requests for such differential treatment;

(c) whether tickets for all the days of the session could not be granted, unlike at present, on the first application;

(d) the expenditure incurred on shorthand reporters during in the present year;

(e) whether better arrangements could not be made as in Madras at a cheaper cost than the present year?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—(a) No.

(b) No; at any rate, it has not been done consciously.

(c) It is not always possible, as the seating accommodation in the hall is limited, while applications for admission are many

(d) Rs. 840 approximately.

(e) In Madras, reporting and typing charges come to about Rs. 21,000 as against Rs. 840 of ours. The Government will, however, consider the matter.